

Carl Sawyer Will Remain With Griffmen—Johnson Denies Compromise of Suit

CARL SAWYER WILL STAY IN BASEBALL

Believes Diamond Activities Will Aid Him in Movies for Next Winter.

MACK WILL RETAIN BUSH

Philadelphia Manager Says He's Through Selling Star Ball Players.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Carl Sawyer, the only tumbling ball player known to the major leagues, will not forsake the national pastime for the movies. He will be found at the old stand behind first base next summer, amusing the fans with his original stunts.

According to information from Los Angeles, where Sawyer is performing before the camera, a handsome offer has been made to him to remain in the movies all summer. He has turned it down, however, for baseball.

Sawyer has been advised that his popularity in the movies depends largely upon his popularity on the diamond. In baseball he has become known to thousands, who will rush to see him in the pictures. If he passes up baseball, publicity will be lacking and, not being in the same class with Charlie Chaplin, he will never get the big money.

Remaining with the Washington club, Sawyer will increase his value for the movies and, vice versa, the pictures will increase his popularity around the American League. Sawyer expects, therefore, to report at Augusta, Ga., and at the close of the season to go back to the movies.

Will Keep Bush.

Joe Bush will play with the Athletics this season, or not at all. During the New York meeting last week Connie Mack was approached for his price on the rebellious pitcher.

"I would not sell him for \$500,000," was the reply. "I have made up my mind to keep Bush, Strunk, and Schang, who are holding out for big salaries, no matter how much I can get for them."

"I am through selling good ball players. I got \$50,000 for Eddie Collins and a good bunch of money for Baker, Barry and Eddie Murphy. But baseball conditions are different from what they were two years ago."

Nobody'll Get Them.

"If Bush, Schang and Strunk are not satisfied with the Athletics club's terms, they can be assured that they will not be sent to any other team in the American League."

"I am trying to build up my team and these men are too valuable to lose. They have been well treated in the past and the salaries I have offered them are extremely liberal. No, I will never sell a first-class player again. I've had enough trouble and now I am determined to manage another winner at Shibe Park."

It has been decided that when the various clubs are obliged to cut down to twenty-five players, Connie Mack will be given first choice. Ban Johnson is determined to strengthen the Mackmen until at least eight clubs in the league can be in the flag hunt.

Leaked Out At Meeting.

"At the league meeting there was a leak on the shrewd manner in which organized baseball kept Walter Johnson after the latter had signed a contract to play with Charles Weeghman's Chicago Federal League team, says Jimmy Isaminger, in the Philadelphia North American."

"Weeghman let Johnson sign at his own terms, the salary not being very much below the \$25,000 mark. Clark Griffith was in despair, for he knew he could not meet the figure. By many thousands, and he feared that the club's biggest asset was irretrievably lost."

"Griffith went to Chicago and told his troubles to Ban Johnson. Charles Comiskey happened to be present at the time. Now Comiskey was no less worried than Griffith, for he knew that a big drawing card as Walter Johnson was would divert thousands of White Sox patrons from his park to the Federal League, especially on Sundays, when Weeghman proposed to use Johnson."

Comiskey Aided Griff.

"To cut it short, Comiskey asked Griffith how far he could go salary for Johnson. The Washington manager named his figure, and then Comiskey declared he would pay the difference out of his own pocket. Agreed, they got in touch with Fred Clarke, a Kansas himself. From went to the pitcher's stock farm and induced him to stay in the ranks of organized baseball."

Will Leave Tomorrow.

The first major league team to leave for the training camp is the Chicago Cubs, who start tomorrow for Pasadena, Cal.

The Giants leave Friday and the Yankees Saturday.

On Tuesday of next week the Mackmen will start for Fort Pierce, Fla., where the pitchers will work for two weeks before going to Jacksonville.

The Griffmen may have to send another player to Baltimore, Jack Bentley, included in the deal for Sam Crane, says he will not report. He prefers his farm at Silver Spring, Md., to hiking around in a minor league.

Feds' Suit To Be Heard Despite Tale of Quashing

Ban Johnson and Governor Tener Deny Rumor That Compromise Will Be Reached and Insist on Going Through With Scrap.

By JOE VILA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Somebody dreamed the other day that organized baseball—the two major leagues—had made arrangements to settle the Baltimore Feds' \$900,000 damage suit out of court. The story was told how the National Commission had received authority to fix up a compromise and that the plaintiffs, who allege that they were frozen out of the baseball peace treaty a year ago, would be satisfied with \$150,000, but President Johnson, of American League, and other magnates spoiled the yarn when their attention was called to it yesterday.

"The story is both untrue and absurd," said Johnson. "The Baltimore Feds' suit never came up for discussion during the sessions of the National Commission, and the major leagues here last week. The case will be tried in April in the United States District Court sitting in Philadelphia, unless the other side is not prepared to go ahead. Our attorneys, Messrs. Pepper and Johnson, are prepared for the trial and we are absolutely confident of winning."

Not Afraid of a Test.

"You can say, therefore, that there is no idea of setting this case out of court. We are not afraid of a legal test."

"Baseball is a public form of amusement not a commodity, for which reason the charge that anti-trust laws have been violated will not hold water. When the time comes to produce evidence, it will be shown that the Baltimore Feds have no legal claim."

"Inasmuch as we are absolutely sure of our ground, it would be poor business policy to further increase our obligations incurred by the settlement of the baseball war."

Others Deny It, Too.

Governor Tener, President of the National League; August Herrmann, Capt. T. L. Huston, W. F. Baker, C. H. Ebbets, and H. H. Frazee also denied yesterday that a settlement of the big suit had been talked over during last week's meetings. They also refused to say whether the Baltimore Feds had made overtures with the idea of arriving at a compromise.

The prevalent opinion among the big leagues seemed to indicate confidence in the result of the pending litigation.

Gilmore Will Testify.

When the suit comes to trial important testimony will be given by James A. Gilmore, Charles Weeghman, H. P. Sinclair and other former Feds, to the effect that when they arranged peace with organized baseball they had power to act for the Baltimore Feds, who were equally anxious to put an end to the disastrous strife.

In other words the Baltimore Feds, as a whole, not only organized baseball as responsible for the plight of the Baltimore stockholders.

Names Peace Terms.

Charles Weeghman and Sinclair named the peace terms that were accepted by the major leagues. The agreement called for the payment of \$400,000 to the Feds in twenty annual installments of \$20,000; \$50,000 to E. W. Gwinner, of Pittsburgh; \$100,000 to Sinclair, for a ten years' rental of his ball park at Harrison, N. J.; the sale of the Cubs and Browns to Weeghman and Ball, respectively, and permission for the sale of numerous Fed players by Sinclair. No provision was made for the Buffalo, Kansas City and Baltimore Feds for the reason that they were considered bankrupt.

BOXING MANAGERS WILL SIGN TODAY

Willard and Fulton Expected to Clash for World's Heavyweight Title.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Tom Jones and Frank Force, managers of Jess Willard and Fred Fulton, will get together here some time today and sign articles for the much talked of heavy-weight fight, it is predicted.

It is understood the articles have been drawn up. The copies have been in possession of the managers for ten days or more and all wrinkles have been ironed out, the formality of signing is the only thing left to cinch the match.

Details have not been announced, but it is understood that Willard is to get a guarantee of the first \$50,000 that comes in the house, as well as an option of 51 per cent of the movie rights or \$20,000 in cash for them.

Grant Hugh Brown, Madison Square Garden promoter, probably will get the fight, though several bidders are understood to have submitted offers.

BOW-WOWS TO SHOW

Westminster Kennel Exhibition Gets Under Way Tomorrow.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The contractors to bench the exhibits for the forty-first annual dog show of the Westminster Kennel Club, took possession of Madison Square Garden at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, and an army of carpenters, electricians, men and women, are working without a stop to have the vast building ready for the opening of the four-day fixture at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Some early arrivals made their appearance as soon as the contractors work without a stop to have the vast building ready for the opening of the four-day fixture at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Roy A. Rainey's great strings of wire and smooth fox terriers, Scotch and West Highland white terriers were among the early birds.

R. K. Armstrong also arrived from Barber, N. C., with the pointers and setters he has been starting at the field trials in all parts of the South and West. Besides his own dogs, he brought in the champions owned by J. J. Graham of Long Island, and William Zeigler, Jr., of Manhattan.

DROPS PAUL STRAND

Roger Bresnahan Decides Toledo Won't Need His Services.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 19.—Pitcher Paul Strand was released today under optional agreement to the Memphis club, of the Southern League, according to announcement by President Bresnahan of the local American Association club. Strand is a left-hander and came here last year from the Boston Nationals.

Strand is the fifth pitcher to leave the Toledo club. Adams, McCall, and Kaiserling have been sent to Memphis, and Main to Louisville.

BRIVES ARE SIGNING.

BOSTON, Feb. 19.—The signed contracts of three more members of the Boston Nationals, Don P. Ragan, pitcher; Bailey, an outfielder, and Truesdale, a catcher, were received last night. George Tyler, pitcher, it was stated, has agreed on terms with Manager Stallings.

DARCY MAY BATTLE DILLON IN GARDEN

New York State Boxing Commission Expected to Turn Down Al McCoy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The burning question of whether Les Darcy, the Australian pugilist, will be allowed to show what he can do with Al McCoy in a ten-round bout, will be decided tonight by the New York State boxing commission. Grant Hugh Brown and John Weismantel, the former the matchmaker for Madison Square Garden, and the latter for the Broadway Sporting Club, will go to the mat in a finish bout for the benefit of the commission.

Each promoter has a contract calling for the appearance of McCoy in a ten-round bout. Al so far forgot himself as to sign articles for a ten-round affair with Jack Dillon at the Broadway Club some time ago. Evidently he believed Weismantel had misled the papers or would say nothing if he went over to a rival league, for he has taken his cry to the commission. Inasmuch as it is a long established habit of the commission to force boxers to live up to all contracts, Grant Hugh Brown probably will lose the services of McCoy for the March 5 date.

Jack Dillon is said now to be on his way to New York from New Orleans, where he recently whipped Gunboat Smith in a twenty-round fight. Indications are he will be substituted for McCoy in the Garden card.

It is pointed out that in case of a Dillon victory over McCoy, should it be decided to stage a bout between these two before March 5, the Indians will be a stronger probable would be selected as Darcy's opponent. Dillon might be released from his Broadway Sporting Club engagement, if the club officials were willing to start McCoy against some other contender, to overcome the apparent objections to meeting Dillon.

LEAVE MARCH 3

First Contingent of Tigers Get Under Way on That Day.

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—Arrangements were announced today for the training trip of the Detroit American team at Waxahatchie, Tex. The first contingent of players will leave Saturday, March 3, from this city. With the members who will join them en route and others going directly to camp from their winter homes, a total of twenty-nine men will start work.

All the veterans, including Cobb, will be on hand earlier than usual to be in good condition for the ten-game series with the New York Nationals, a feature of this year's preparation.

NEHF MAY QUIT GAME.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 19.—Arthur Neff, pitcher with the Boston Braves, of the National League, has refused to sign the contract sent him and calling for a big cut in salary, declaring that he will quit the game. The Braves are generally regarded as a brilliant pitcher, and have been taking a post-graduate course in electrical engineering in the Rose Polytechnical Institute, in Terre Haute. He has received a good offer from a Chicago electrical concern and says he expects to accept it within a few days.

FACULTY ADVISERS TO GATHER TODAY

High School Men to Arrange Baseball Series at McKinley High.

Faculty athletic advisers will meet at McKinley Manual Training School today for the purpose of arranging the annual championship baseball series.

There is every indication that the circuit will be switched into ten games again this season. The inability of the schools to have a suitable playing field, where games can be staged at any time, regardless of bad weather or other postponements, makes the longer series almost impossible.

Want Longer Series.

Practically all of the mentors and advisers are in favor of a longer series. Coach White, of Business; Metzler, of Central; Furry, of Tech, and Morris of Western, are in favor of a long series.

There is hardly a chance that twenty games will be played, although the coaches are in favor of a long series. Competition was keen last season and the players were considerably seasoned by the second half of the twenty-game list last year.

Looking for Field.

The advisers are casting about for a suitable field at this time. The schedule, if adopted today, will probably have ten games. This will admit of many other contests with local high school and prep school teams.

Last year the high schools played but few games outside of their leagues. This year a return to the old system will bring in the other schools on the schedules.

BASEBALL PLAYERS LEAVE THIS WEEK

Johnny McGraw's Giants Get Under Way Friday for Texas Training Camp.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Johnny McGraw, with a bunch of recruits, will leave here Friday for Marlin, Tex. The Giants are hot favorites for the National League pennant. McGraw's wonderful season last year, the world's record of twenty-six straight victories last fall remains intact.

McGraw believes that he will be able to strengthen the pitching department. He is enthusiastic over Jim Middleton, the former Louisville boxman, and also thinks that Morrisette, a big fellow secured from the Baltimore International League, will come up to expectations.

Schupp, a phenomenal young south-paw, who won a senior last year, should be a consistent winner. McGraw says that Schupp will be the best left-hander in fast company this season. The Giants' leader will have Fourness, Sale, Benton, and Anderson to shoulder a part of the burden, and if they can display the right kind of effectiveness the other National League teams will experience plenty of trouble.

McGraw's team of the box is all powerful. Burns, Kauff, Robertson, Helke, Herzog, Fletcher, Zimmerman, McCarthy and Rariden, barring accidents, should delight the fans with first class work. McGraw will experiment with young players at Marlin, but when the championship race begins on April 11 the regulars will attend to the enemy.

BERTH FOR ALBAUGH

Local Sandlot Pitcher Signed by Lynchburg Club.

Pike Albaugh, one of the leading amateur pitchers of Washington, has signed a contract to twirl for the Lynchburg team in the Virginia League. Albaugh played with the Cardinals A. C. of Alexandria, and with the Rosedale club of the Rosedale League, last season.

WHERE THEY ROLL.

District—Shermans vs. Good Fellows, at Royal.

National Capital—Grand Central vs. Dumbarton, at Grand Central.

Departmental—Open date.

Masonic—National vs. St. John's; Columbia vs. Central; Pentapolis vs. M. M. Parker, at Royal.

Commercial—Barber & Ross vs. Woodward Lathrop, at Palace.

Agriculture—Interbureau—Animal Industry vs. Markets, at Casino.

Postoffice—Equipment vs. Station Delivery, at Postoffice.

Red Men—White Eagle vs. Mincola; Seneca vs. Idaho; Logan vs. Osceola, at Jitneys.

Navy Yard—Radio vs. R. M., at Capitol Hill.

Hankers—Bank of Washington vs. Washington Loan and Trust, at Casino.

Georgetown Commercial—Potomac Bank vs. C. P. Ash Company, at Georgetown.

Capitol Hill—Germanias vs. Bryan's Lunch, at Capitol Hill.

Dunsmuir vs. Engraving and Printing—Reds vs. Examiners, at Rathskeller.

Southeast—Midnight Crew vs. Baby Grands, at Southeast.

Capital City—Buckeye's Specials vs. Norris Peters, at Rathskeller.

Mr. Pleasant—Princetonians vs. Palm Cafe, at Arcade.

Arcade—Benedictine vs. Officials, at Arcade.

Columbia—Congressional vs. Schlitz, at Columbia.

Fourteenth Street—Speedways vs. Early Birds, at Fourteenth.

Interstate—Mails and Files vs. Claims, at Arcade.

Southern Railway—Managers vs. Law; Auditors vs. Passenger Traffic; Tie Timbers vs. Treasurers, at Palace.

Bureau of Standards—Unions vs. Crackerjacks, at Arcade.

Central—Columbian vs. Highlanders, at National Capital.

Omo Class—Tigers vs. Red Sox, at Brightwood.

Anacostia—Highlands vs. Apple Knockers, at Anacostia.

Washington City—Tenpin—Pioneers vs. Ironquills, at Royal.

BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

If Washington track coaches go through with their threat to protest Joe England, A. A. U. handicapper for the year, interesting arguments are expected. England has his side of course, and it will be interesting to see just how the Baltimore men defend his liberality to Johns Hopkins men. It would appear that England had overstepped the mark in the Georgetown meet, and one or two coaches intentionally entered men in events to trip the Baltimore men.

There is no question as to the ability of Washington athletes. In scratch events the Baltimore men have been forced to watch Washington runners finish ahead of them. One or two Baltimore men who have made good records should not be given too liberal handicaps on Washington performers. The handicapper's business is to provide close finishes by distributing the athletes out ahead according to ability. We are admitting that the task is a difficult one, but if there is a doubt in handicapping it should not be made the basis of favoring Baltimore men.

One way to beat England's handicapping is to enter athletes in scratch events only. We have always been of the opinion that scratch events are more interesting than handicap races, except in the case where the field is pitted against a real runner on the scratch mark like Meredith Jones, Ray or Caldwell in distances greater than 400 yards.

The curtain will be partly rung down when Georgetown and Catholic University intercollegiate visiting teams on the floor tonight. The basketball season has been a good one, though what might be termed an in-and-out. The lack of a suitable hall centrally located and used has held the sport back here.

Let us hear more of the Washington Athletic Club. It would seem that the new club is the right thing for indoor sports in Washington and deserves the backing of those who have been asking why we are backward in developing intercity competition here.

We haven't much admiration for Les Darcy, but it does seem that he is falling into the hands of the Philistines since arriving in this country. He has been here long enough now to have fought two bouts and, had he done so, he would now have far more money than he has. Also, he would have more popularity, even though defeated.

Every other foreign boxer who

ever came to the United States immediately went into training on his arrival and was not heard from until he appeared in a ring. This applies to Bob Fitzsimmons, Charlie Mitchell, Jim Hall, Jim Carney, Billy Plimmer, Pedlar Palmer, Young Griffo, Dan Creedon, Peter Jackson, Ben Jordan, Owen Moran, and Jim Driscoll, to name only a few.

Darcy's mistake was to hook himself up with promoters who kept him idle in the hopes of matching with champions. The Australian should have taken on almost anybody offering to meet him within a month of his arrival.

Hughes Fullerton is doing it again—picking out probable pennant winners for the approaching season. His latest is the St. Louis Browns. Hughes calls the Browns the "fastest club in baseball today." Maybe, maybe, but in about everything else the Browns fail to impress. For one thing, brains seemed lacking in Fielder Jones' bunch last season, and brains is quite an asset, you must admit.

It begins to look more and more every day as if Joe Ray were the "greatest American runner" for whom we have gazed far into the distance for many moons. The Illinois A. C. runner has improved his style over that of a year back, cutting out his high knee action and keeping closer to the ground, and there is no saying how many records he will shatter.

To smash George Bonhag's two-mile mark was a remarkable feat, as Hannes Kolehmainen failed to do this year. Ray is still a youngster, and there is opportunity a plenty for him to achieve equal fame with Lon Myers, Bernie Wefer, Mel Sheppard, Ted Meredith, Fred Kelly and Bob Simpson.

In favoring a handicap system, the Masonic Duckpin League is taking a step in the right direction. In a league consisting of more than twenty teams where only one team has a chance for the championship, it is necessary that something should be done in order to keep up interest.

With handicaps in operation, the teams in every match enter the contest on even terms and interesting competition is bound to result. Handicapping for this reason is to be desired by the strong teams as well as the weak. Few quints care to roll against an opponent with victory a certainty. It takes all the pep out of rolling.

BIG PRIZE LIST FOR MASONIC BOWLERS

To Be Arranged at Meeting Tonight—May Stage Tourney At Grand Central.

The sum of \$1,000, prize money of the Masonic Duckpin League, will be arranged into a prize list at a meeting tonight of a committee appointed to handle the coin. This is believed to be the largest amount ever contested for in a Washington bowling organization.

Several other matters will be brought up at the meeting, which was postponed from last week. Not until the season's end, however, will the league take action on the proposed handicap system.

A committee headed by C. I. Crissey has completed plans for the handicap and will turn them over to the executive board of the league for consideration.

Grand Central Favored.

One of the most important questions to be settled at the scheduled meeting of the District association, at the Palace alley, Sunday, is where to stage the annual tournament this spring.

Formerly the event was held on the Palace runways, but with the advent of newer establishments, it is understood that a majority of bowlers favor one of the new ones.

It is more than probable that the association will select the Grand Central Palace, which has eleven alleys. Everything considered, the Grand Central is probably the most suitable, according to the unofficial statement of one of the District association leaders.

Room for Spectators.

Chief difficulty encountered in a majority of establishments is the lack of room for spectators. A stand has been built at the Grand Central which will accommodate a good crowd and plenty of room remains for another, if it is necessary.

MAISELS ARE GOING

Hikes to Sacramento.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 19.—Fritz Maisel, of Cantonville, a member of the New York Americans, will leave Saturday evening to join his team, which leaves for training camp at Macon, Ga.

George Maisel, a brother, is expected to leave shortly for the Pacific coast, where he will be a member of the San Francisco team, which will go into training at Sacramento, Cal.

READY FOR BIG MATCH.

With the exception of the selection of a referee, all the details for the match for the continuous pocket billiard championship between Frank Taberacki, of Schenectady, champion, and Louis Kreuter, of New York, challenger, have been arranged. The contest will take place at the Todd House Billiard Academy, Youngstown, Ohio, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

It will be at 450 balls, played in three sessions. Should the principals be unable to agree upon a referee by 7:30 on the opening night a representative of the Brunswick-Balke-Clenderman Company will name a man to officiate.

GALLAUDET AFTER BASEBALL COACH

Morris and Priest Being Considered to Prepare Inexperienced Players for 1917.

Gallaudet's baseball management is looking over a list of eligibles to coach the baseball team this spring. The Kendall Greeners have a ten game schedule and are casting about for a mentor.

No information is being given out at the institution as to the probable coach. Announcements are expected shortly. William B. Morris, former Maryland State player, is being mentioned for the position. John Priest, who coached the team last year, is another candidate being considered. It is understood.

Manager Charles J. Schmidt says the Kendall Greeners will have a team composed of inexperienced players. With this in view a short schedule has been arranged. Gallaudet never plays more than a dozen games during the spring.

The list of games follows: March 31, Catholic University, at Brookland; April 14, Catholic University, at Kendall Green; April 21, Maryland State College, at College Park; April 28, Rock Hill College, at Kendall Green; May 5, Baltimore City College, at Kendall Green; May 9, Maryland State College, at Kendall Green; May 19, Rock Hill College, at Elliott City, Md.; May 23, Georgetown University, at Georgetown; May 28, Mount St. Mary's College, at Emmittsburg, Md. (pending); June 2, Mount St. Joseph's College, at Kendall Green.

WON'T WASTE TIME WITH HIS ROOKIES

Bill Donovan Will Pin Pennant Hopes Upon Players of 1916 Outfit.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Bill Donovan starts for Macon, Ga., Saturday, accompanied by several of his Yankees. Donovan will not waste much time with rookies at Macon. He will try to find out as soon as possible whether Fritz Maisel can play second base or not.

Maisel broke his collar-bone last summer, and when he came back his throwing arm was weak. But the little fellow has had a long rest, and Donovan is sure that he will be in splendid condition.

Maisel's batting and base running are needed by the Yankees. He is as quick as a cat and handles ground balls with skill. If he can make the necessary throws, he will be a fixture and the team will present a formidable lineup.

Pipp, Peckinpaugh, Baker, High, Magee, Gilhooley, Nunamaker, Alexander, and Waiters will be the other regulars.

Donovan has a powerful pitching staff in Shawkey, Cullop, Mogridge, Shocker, Caldwell, Russell, Fisher, Enright, and Monroe. Baseball sharpshooters figure that the Yankees, with a fair share of good fortune, will make a determined fight for the American League championship.

EVANS WON'T GO</